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Appl. No. : 10/600,061 Confirmation No.: 5656
Applicants : Cesar Z. Lina et al.
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Customer No.: 30159

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority
Under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6), Applicants hereby petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application, U.S. Application No. 60/128,567, filed April 9, 1999.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Applicants enclose herewith a copy of an Amendment and Response to Office Action, which is concurrently filed with the Commissioner, Mail Stop Amendment. The Amendment and Response includes an amendment to the specification adding the above-requested priority claim in the first paragraph of the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment upon granting of this Petition.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment made with this Office Action, to Deposit Account Number 500326.

Respectfully submitted,



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